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For: RA ANTIGENIC PEPTIDES

AMENDMENT AND REPONSE TO NOTICE TO COMPLY

Nutley, New Jersey 07110 December 14, 2010

Mail Stop: Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response are filed in response to the Office Action mailed September 14, 2010, in connection with the above-identified application. This Amendment is timely filed. Applicants have also filed a Statement of the Substance of the Interview ("Statement") in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.133(b) in response to the Interview Summary mailed December 6, 2010.

In response to the Office Action mailed September 14, 2010, Claims 1-15, 17, 18, 23, 25 and 31 stand currently pending, with Claims 3-13, 15, 17, 18, 23, 25 and 31 withdrawn pursuant to restriction requirement. Please amend Claim 1 and cancel claim 2 as reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 9 of this paper.

Additionally, in response to the Notice to Comply With Requirements for Patent Applications Containing Nucleotide And/Or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosures mailed September 14, 2010, please amend the application as follows: